opportunities for disabled people in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Information has been called for from the Government of Maharashtra

Ambedkar Villages in the country

2845. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have selected villages in the country for declaring them as Ambedkar villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether infrastructure facilities have been fully provided to these villages;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds provided for the development thereof during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Does not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Orissa

2846. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the different Welfare Schemes implemented/being implemented in the State of Orissa by his Ministry; and

(b) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during each of the last three years and till now, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) A statement showing the schemes/programmes implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in the State of Orissa together with funds released for their implementation during the last three years is annexed (*See below*). Funds are not allocated district-wise by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Statement

Schemes/programmes implemented in the State of Orissa together with details of funds released in the last 3 years

Sl. No.	Name of the Schemes	Amount released during the year		
		1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Welfare of Scheduled Castes			
1.	Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan to Scheduled Castes	1311.82	1265.07	1925.47
2.	Assistance to State Scheduled Castes Development Corporation	96.05	96.07	